

# Parents' National Educational Union.

## The Parents' Review School.

(As adapted for SCHOOLS.)

CONDUCTED BY MISS CHARLOTTE M. MASON.

Motto: "I am, I can, I ought, I will."

The *Parents' Review* School was originally devised to introduce some of the advantages of school-training into home education. It seems, however, that the methods used should be as valuable in schools as they have proved in home-teaching. The children in "lower schools," the lower classes of girls' schools, preparatory schools, scholars, generally, under 14, should profit by; —

- (a) A definite and progressive syllabus of work for each term.
- (b) A definite number of pages set, term by term, in a good many living, and most interesting books.
- (c) Examination papers at the end of each term.
- (d) Short hours.
- (e) No preparation.
- (f) Few "corrections."
- (g) A carefully arranged syllabus, term by term, for nature work, handicrafts, art work, etc.

Various helps in the way of suggestions, regulations, time-tables, etc., should be of use to teachers.

The School is worked upon the principle that children should be educated upon Things and Books. Therefore great attention is given to field work, handicrafts, art studies, and to the selection of the best books. The children acquire the habit of using books and of delighting in them; they acquire a love of nature, some manual dexterity, some ability to produce what they see with brush or charcoal, and some power to appreciate art.

These few considerations may have weight with the heads of schools:

1. The cost of the books per pupil for eight years of school life—from six to fourteen—does not average more than £1 a year.

2. Two-and-a-half, for Class I., to three-and-a-half hours a day for Class III., is ample time for this book education.

3. Much writing is unnecessary, because the pupils have the matter in their books and know where to find it.

4. Classes are able to occupy themselves in study with pleasure and profit.

5. Teachers are relieved of the exhausting drudgery of many corrections.

6. The pupils have the afternoons for handicrafts, nature-work, walks, games, etc.

7. The evenings are free, whether at school or at home, for reading aloud, choral singing, hobbies, etc.

8. The pupils get many intelligent interests, beget hobbies, and have leisure for them.

9. There is no distressing cramming for the term's examination. The pupils know their work, and find it easy to answer questions set to find out what they know, rather than what they do not know.

10. Children of any age, however taught hitherto, take up this sort of work with avidity.

11. Boys and girls who have been taught in this way take up ordinary school work, preparation for examinations, etc., with intelligence, zeal, and success.

This sort of work, besides making children proficient in the usual studies of the schoolroom, should and does result in the power of the pupils —

(a) To grasp the sense of a passage of some length at a single reading.

(b) To spell and express themselves in writing with ease and correctness.

(c) To give an orderly and detailed account of any subject they have studied.

(d) To describe in writing what they have seen, or heard from the newspapers.

Schools are admitted to the *Parents' Review* School upon the following conditions:—

i. That the programmes of not less than two classes shall be worked out in as many subjects as possible, but at least in six, *including all the historical subjects*.

ii. That the *amount* of time for each of these subjects shall be *not more nor less* than that stated on the Time-tables.

iii. That each child in these classes shall have, and read for himself, *his own books* as set in his programme in the subjects chosen.

iv. That sets of answers, according to the membership fee, shall be submitted for examination at the usual times.

*Fees* (payable, in advance, to the Secretary, House of Education, Ambleside): *One Guinea a year* entitles a school to receive all the papers (5 classes) of the P.R.S. from term to term; the answers of *one pupil* in *either Class Ib. or II.* must be sent up to Ambleside, and all the children in these classes must take the examinations.

*Three Guineas* entitles to papers as above; the examination papers of *one pupil in each of the classes* working in the School must be sent up, and all must take the examinations.

Either fee secures for pupils the advantages enumerated under *a, b, c, d, e, f, g*.

The papers of Class IV. (pupils from 15-17) are sent to schools; but these are especially intended for girls taught at home.

Examination papers are sent at Christmas, Easter and Midsummer. At Easter and Christmas the pupils' work is sent up, and a report is sent upon it. For the Midsummer examination the work is not sent up, but the teacher sends up a report for which he receives a form.

Children are not admitted to the School under six years of age; schools may be admitted at any time except between August 1st and September 15th. The programmes for the autumn term are issued in the middle of July so that arrangements may be made, books procured, etc., before the summer vacation. A term's notice is requested before withdrawal.

A large number of complete sets of examination answers may be seen at the office, and further information can be had from the Secretary, P.N.E.U. Office, 26, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

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THE PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION.

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
WILL BE HELD IN  
Fine Arts Academy, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol,

JUNE 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 1908.

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Day Tickets (not admitting to the Social Functions), 1/6. Single Meetings, 1/-.

To be obtained from Mrs. HAROLD LOCK, 26, Victoria Street, S.W.; or

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# Programme.

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"I love all that thou lovest, Spirit of Delight!"—Shelley.

## FIRST DAY.

### FRIDAY, June 12th.

3.0 p.m. Fine Arts Academy, Clifton. Members will be received by the President and Committee of the Bristol Branch of the P.N.E.U. Dr. C. LLOYD MORGAN will give the address of welcome, to which the Right Hon. the EARL OF LYTTON will reply. *Tea by invitation of the Bristol Committee.*

160  
8.30 p.m. Grammar School, Clifton, by kind invitation of the Council and the Head Master, CYRIL NORWOOD, Esq. The Right Hon. the EARL OF LYTTON in the Chair.  
500  
"A Child's Inheritance," with lantern illustrations. Dr. GREVILLE MACDONALD.

## SECOND DAY.

### SATURDAY, June 13th. Fine Arts Academy, Clifton.

10.30 a.m. Dr. E. H. COOK (Chairman of the Bristol Education Committee) in the Chair.

200  
"Children's Books." Professor E. T. CAMPAGNAC (Professor of Education at the University of Liverpool).

11.45 a.m. Rev. EDGAR I. FRIPP in the Chair.

200  
"Joy in Art." Miss PARISH (Ex-Student, House of Education; Asst. Org. Sec.)

This lecture will be illustrated by a demonstration lesson.

36  
2.0 p.m. A Visit to Old Bristol, Archaeological Walk, conducted by ALFRED E. HUDD, Esq., F.S.A.

12  
The Features of Interest in the Downs and Avon Gorge, Geological Walk, conducted by Professor S. H. REYNOLDS, M.A., F.G.S.

The Meeting place will be announced later. Members wishing to take part in these Walks are asked to give in their names to one of the Stewards.

4.30 p.m. Garden Party at Clifton High School for Girls, by kind invitation of the Council and Head Mistress, Miss BURNS.

200  
7.30—10 p.m. A Conversazione, at Clifton College, by kind invitation of the Rev. A. A. DAVID.

600  
8.0 p.m. WALTER FORD, Esq., in the Chair.

"Joy in Song," with illustrations carried out by Elementary School Children. W. TOMLINS, Esq.

NOTE.—The Committee have decided that the Meetings shall begin punctually at the time advertised; it is therefore hoped that the Members will endeavour to arrive somewhat before the time.

## THIRD DAY.

### SUNDAY, June 14th.

Afternoon. The Fine Arts Academy will be at the disposal of Members. Evening. Service at St. Mary's, Redcliff, Bristol. Special Sermon by the Rev. J. PRIMATT MAUD, M.A.

## FOURTH DAY.

### MONDAY, June 15. Fine Arts Academy, Clifton.

10.30 a.m. Dr. NEWMAN NEILD in the Chair.  
250  
"Parents and nervous children." Dr. J. O. SYMES (Medical Officer to Clifton College).  
200  
11.45 a.m. Miss MARION PEASE (Principal of Bristol Day Training College)  
"Spiritual Joy." Miss CARTA STURGE. [in the Chair.  
110  
2.30 a.m. Mrs. WALTER REA in the Chair.  
200  
"Joy in Dance and Drama." J. H. BADLEY, Esq. (Head Master of Bedales School).  
3.45 p.m. The Rev. T. ARNOLD THOMAS in the Chair.  
200  
"Enthusiasm for Humanity." E. H. SPENCE, Esq. (Member of Clifton College Staff).  
8.30 p.m. Educational Concert. P. NAPIER MILES, Esq., in the Chair. Speaker: Miss MARGARET LLOYD

200  
Artistes: Miss ROSA BUTTON, Mrs. E. T. DANIELL, Miss AVERILL WOODWARD, Miss IDA HOME, Miss GLADYS HOME, Miss MAY THOMAS.

Replaced by invitation of the London Committee. *Replaced by invitation of the London Committee.* FIFTH DAY.

### TUESDAY, June 16th. Fine Arts Academy, Clifton.

10.30 a.m. Miss GERALDINE HODGSON (Lecturer on Education, Bristol University) in the Chair.  
140  
"The Ethical Training of the Senses." *The Joy of Living.* Miss HOSKYNNS ABRAHALL, M.A. *Miss Tomlins*  
11.45 a.m. The Hon. Mrs. FRANKLIN in the Chair.  
100  
Discussion Meeting, when opportunity will be afforded for discussing various educational problems arising out of the papers of the preceding days, as well as the various organisations of the P.N.E.U.  
300  
2.30 p.m. Redland High School for Girls, by kind invitation of the Council and the Head Mistress, Miss SHECKLETON. Lady CAMPBELL in the Chair.  
"A Child's Inheritance; how it strikes a Public School Master." The Rev. A. A. DAVID.  
3.30 p.m. "Joy in Fairy Tales." Miss MARIE L. SHEDLOCK.

## HOSPITALITY.

The Bristol Committee are glad to arrange for hospitality for all Members coming from a distance. Any desiring to avail themselves of it are requested to communicate at once with Mrs. LOCK, 26, Victoria Street, S.W., who will hand on the applications to the Hospitality Secretary.

## RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

It is hoped that special terms will be granted by the Railway Company in addition to the usual week-end facilities. Particulars will appear in the May number of the Parents' Review.

## LITERATURE.

1. **HANDBOOK.**—A handbook, giving information as to places of interest in and around Bristol, etc., and furnished with a list of the people attending the Conference, is being issued, price 4d.

The following books and pamphlets will be on sale at the Conference:—

2. **Home Education Series** :—  
 (i.) "Home Education."  
 (ii.) "Parents and Children."  
 (iii.) "School Education."  
 (iv.) "Ourselves."  
 (v.) "Some Studies in the Formation of Character."  
 Price 3s. 6d. each, post free 3s. 10d.

3. "The Parents' Review" (the monthly organ of the Union), price 6/6 annually; single copies post free, 7½d. Specimen copies can be obtained free of charge.

4. "Early Manhood," by the Right Hon. The Earl of Lytton. Price 3d.

5. "Parents and Lessons," by Mrs. Clement Parsons. Price 4d.

6. "The Home Training of Children," by the Hon. Mrs. Franklin, Hon. Organising Sec. of the P.N.E.U. Price 3d., post free.

7. Catalogue of the Library. (New and enlarged edition). Price 6d.

8. "Thought Turning as a factor in the Training of Character and Talk to Nurses," by Miss Helen Webb, M.B. Price 6d.

9. "Children at Home," reprinted from the *Parents' Review* by the Reading Branch of the P.N.E.U. Price 2d.

10. "Home Safeguards against Boyhood's Dangers," by the Hon. the Rev. E. Lyttelton. Price 2d.

11. "Some Suggestions for the School Curriculum of Girls and Boys under 14," by Miss Mason. Price 3d.

12. Nature Note Books in linen covers, 1s. ; interleaved, foolscap, 1s. 6d. ; postage 4d.

13. "Training in the Service of Man," by J. L. Paton, Esq., M.A., High Master, Manchester Grammar School. Price 3d.

14. "The Education of Citizens," by W. Temple, Esq. (Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford). Price 4d.

15. "Catalogue of Children's Gift Books," by Mrs. Clement Parsons. Price 6d.

Cardboard name-plates will be supplied to those attending the Conference. Price 2d. each.

## PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS of the P.N.E.U.

*The Central Principles*, to which all Local Branches of the Society—(while free to organize themselves)—shall be pledged, are:— 1. That a religious basis of work be maintained. 2. That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads: (a) Physical (b) Mental; (c) Moral; and (d) Spiritual. 3. That arrangements concerning Lectures, etc., be made with a view to the convenience of fathers as well as mothers. 4. That the work of the Union be arranged to help parents of all classes.

*The objects are* :—(a) To assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of Education in all its aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character. (b) To create a better public opinion on the subject of the training of children, and with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject. (c) To afford to parents opportunities for co-operation and consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be profitable to all. (d) To stimulate their enthusiasm, through the sympathy of numbers acting together. (e) To secure greater unity and continuity of Education, by harmonizing home and school training.